

# THE LEASE OF LIFE

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Narrative.

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*Andante Mod*



Life is full of Trou - ble from the cra - dle to the grave  
See the mi - ser with his wealth craf - ty in his greed  
Down the street a reg - i - ment of sol - diers proud - ly stand

Musical notation for the first vocal line, G major, 2/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and follows the lyrics.

Some may loll in splendor while The poor for comforts crave Shakespeare says "This world's a stage"  
Hoards it while the wi - dow and Her child - ren die in need Sneak - ing down the street he goes  
Ban - ners wav - ing in dis - or - der O'er the gall - ant band Coun - try called for Vol - unteers

Musical notation for the second vocal line, G major, 2/4 time. It continues the melody from the first line.

think the ad - age true Each must play his chos - en part e're lifes work is through  
shiv'ring with the cold Glan - ces to the right and left jeal - ous of his gold  
To the front they fly Mothers wives and sweethearts wave a ten - der last "good bye"

Musical notation for the third vocal line, G major, 2/4 time. It includes a 'rall.' (rallentando) marking above the staff. The melody concludes with a final chord.

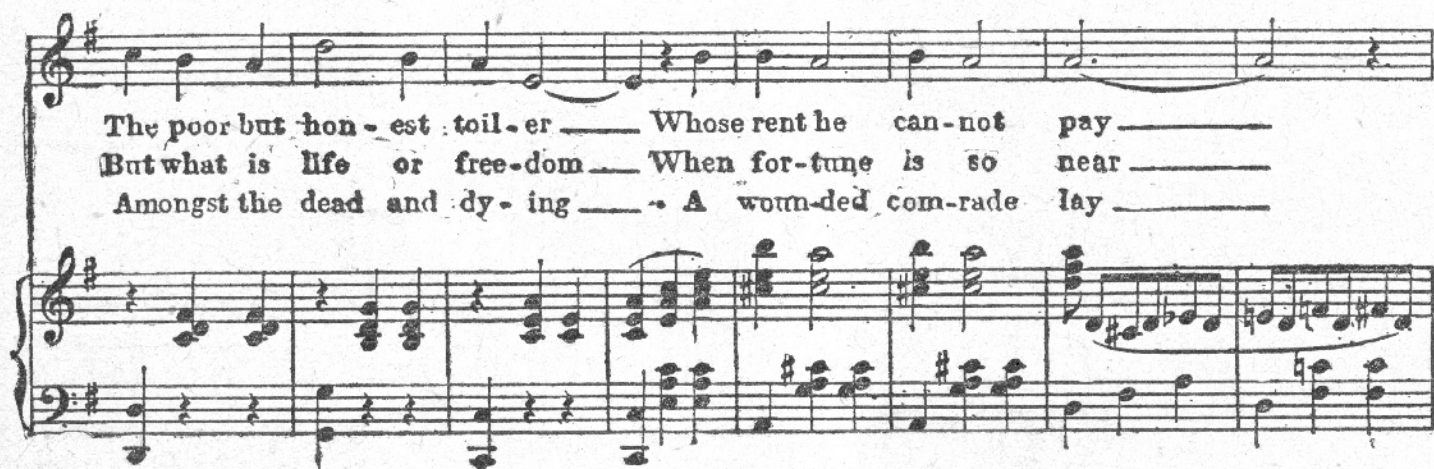
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*Valse lento.*



We see the crafty land-lord — Grasp - ing day by day —  
But up be-hind him sneaks now — A thief with cunning lear —  
But when the fight was o - ver — Just at the close of day —



The poor but hon - est toil - er — Whose rent he can - not pay —  
But what is life or free - dom — When for - tune is so near —  
Amongst the dead and dy - ing — A wound - ed com - rade lay —



One may be dressed in vel - vet — The oth - er clad in strife —  
But a step and he has reach'd him — With his mur - d'rous knife —  
Gent - ly they gath - er a - round him — To ease his dy - ing strife —

*Andante Mod<sup>to</sup>*



But each must reach a common plane When God demands his precious lease of life. —  
A gleam of steel, all is o - ver — An - oth - er soul has lost it's lease of life. —  
Wrapp'd in the flag of his coun - try — For Freedom's cause he gave his lease of life. —



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